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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - May 15, 2008

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that Timothy J. Thompson was sentenced today in U.S. District Court in San Diego by the Honorable Judge Barry T. Moskowitz to serve 130 months in custody, based on his convictions for two counts of armed bank robbery, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2113(a) and (d), and one count of possession of a firearm during a crime of violence, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A)(ii). Judge Moskowitz also ordered Thompson to serve a four-year term of supervised release following his release from prison and to pay restitution in the amount of \$11,500.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Joseph S. Green, who prosecuted the case, Thompson robbed two branches of the Union Bank of California located in San Diego in May and June of 2007. On May 11, 2007, Thompson robbed \$11,500 from the Union Bank of California, located at 4225 Genesee Avenue, San Diego. Thompson robbed the bank with the assistance of unidentified accomplice who displayed a firearm in the doorway of the bank and ordered everyone to get down, while Thompson demanded money from the bank teller.

On June 6, 2007, Thompson and another accomplice, Daniel Brown, robbed the Union Bank of California, located at 1175 Rosecrans Street, San Diego, California. During this robbery, Thompson brandished a loaded, semi-automatic firearm and ordered all of the bank customers to get down while Brown approached one of the tellers and demanded money. Thompson and Brown received a total of \$8,125 and exited the bank. Upon leaving the bank, Thompson and Brown were safely arrested by the members of the San Diego Division of the FBI and the San Diego Police Department who were investigating the case. The proceeds of the June 6, 2007 robbery were recovered.

Prior to today's sentencing hearing, Thompson had entered his guilty plea before Judge Moskowitz on December 3, 2007. On the same date, Brown pled guilty to one count of armed bank robbery, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2113(a) and (d), for his involvement in the June 6, 2007 robbery. Brown was sentenced by Judge Moskowitz on April 11, 2008 to serve seventy-one months in custody and a term of supervised release of five years.

Anyone with information on the identity of Thompson's accomplice in the May 11, 2007 robbery of the Union Bank of California, located at 4225 Genesee Avenue, San Diego, is encouraged to contact the FBI at (858) 565-1255.

DEFENDANTS

Case Number 07CR1612-BTM

Timothy J. Thompson
Daniel Brown

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Timothy Thompson
Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2113(a) and (d) - Armed Bank Robbery (two counts)
Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A)(ii) - Possession of a Firearm During
a Crime of Violence

Daniel Brown
Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2113(a) and (d) - Armed Bank Robbery

INVESTIGATING AGENCIES

Federal Bureau of Investigation
San Diego Police Department